

U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Information Team

The USGS Minerals Information Team's **mission** is to—

- collect,
- analyze, and
- disseminate

information on the domestic and international supply of and demand for minerals and mineral materials essential to the U.S. economy and national security. Examples of mineral materials are cement and steel.

The Team's **goal** is to provide decision-makers with the information required to ensure that the Nation has an adequate and dependable supply of minerals and materials to meet its defense and economic needs at acceptable environmental, energy, and economic costs.

The public and private sectors rely on the Team's information to understand better the use of materials and the ultimate disposition of materials in the economy, to use national resources efficiently, and to forecast future supply and demand for minerals. Domestic and international minerals information is used in the analysis of policies, in formulating plans to deal with shortages and interruptions in supplies of minerals, and in the development of strategies to maintain a competitive position in the global economy.

The Team's commodity, country, and State specialists are experts on mineral industries and markets. Every month, the specialists answer more than 2,000 inquiries from and interact with Federal and State agencies, domestic and international organizations, foreign governments, and the general public. Also, more than 90,000 Internet and 1,000 FaxBack queries are answered each month.

The Team also conducts analysis of and develops information on minerals-related issues, including minerals conservation, sustainability, availability, and the economic health of the U.S. minerals industry.

Partnerships

The Minerals Information Team canvasses the nonfuel mining and mineral-processing industry in the United States for data on mineral production, consumption, recycling, inventory stocks, and shipments. More than 150 surveys are conducted annually on commodities—from abrasive materials to zirconium. Aggregated U.S. statistics are published because individual company data are proprietary and are not released. More than 18,000 producer and consumer establishments voluntarily complete 40,000 survey forms annually. The USGS has cooperative agreements with the U.S. State governments to exchange data. In addition, the Team reports U.S. trade data collected by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

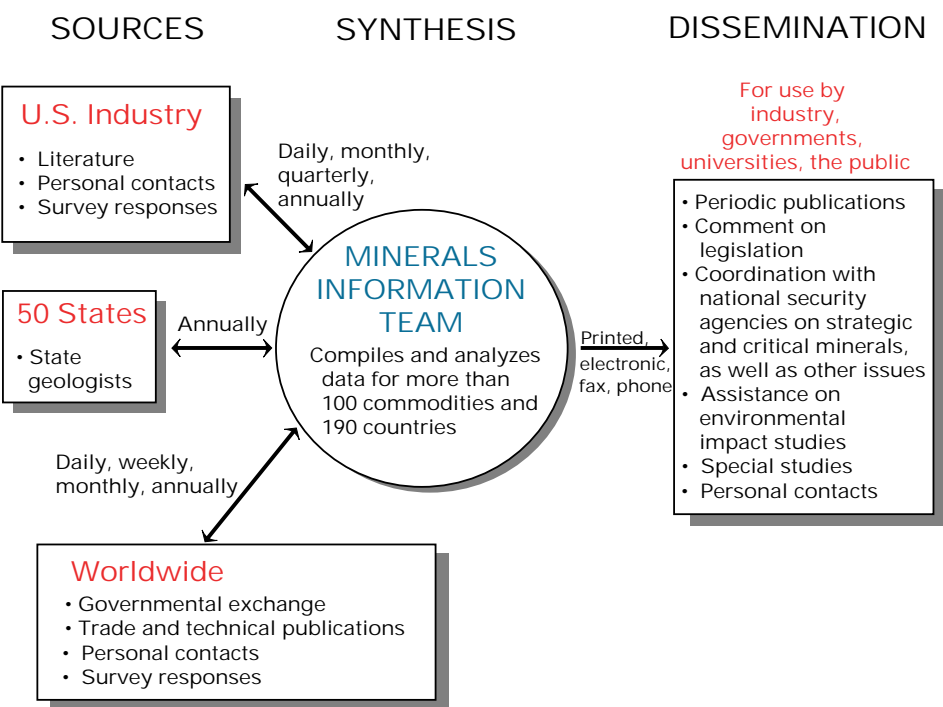
The Team also collects and publishes production data, trade data, and other information for most of the countries of the world. Information on mining and

investment laws, ownership, and country infrastructure is published in the country chapters of the Minerals Yearbook.

Periodic Publications

Information is organized and published by **commodity, country, and State:**

- Mineral Commodity Summaries (annual, by commodity)
- Minerals Yearbook (annual)
Volume I: Metals and Minerals (by commodity)
Volume II: Area Reports—Domestic (by State)
Volume III: Area Reports—International (by country)
- Mineral Industry Surveys (monthly, quarterly, semiannually, and annually, by commodity)
- Metal Industry Indicators (monthly, by industry)



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Special Publications

(Examples)

- Recycled Metals in the United States
- Statistical Compendium (1970–90)
- The Mineral Economy of Mexico
- The Light Metals Industry of China
- World Gold—A Minerals Availability Appraisal

CD-ROM Products

- Minerals and Materials Information
(Published three times a year; includes Mineral Commodity Summaries, Minerals Yearbook, and Statistical Compendium in Adobe Acrobat PDF and TextWare formats)
- Indices to U.S. Bureau of Mines Mineral Resources Records (Contains Minerals Availability System/Mineral Industry Location System (MAS/MILS) records)
- Economic Analysis Tools for the Minerals Industry
- Dictionary of Mining, Mineral, and Related Terms

Where To Obtain Products

- World Wide Web at **<http://minerals.er.usgs.gov/minerals>**
(Includes all periodic publications and the Statistical Compendium in HTML and Adobe Acrobat PDF formats)
- Fax (MINES FaxBack) **703-648-4999**
(Contains all periodic publications, delivered in paper fax format)
- Printed materials

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